

ARE AFTER THEM

Hottest Fight in Kansas by Harper County Populists.

AGAINST THE DEMOCRATS

Fiery Circulars Issued by Both Sides.

In the vicinity of Wichita there is no political contest that is exciting the interest of the one side in Harper county.

The Harper county Populists are tired of their Democratic allies and the way they are leading on Mr. Duval's friends is wonderful to see.

In 1897 and in 1898 the Democrats issued circulars against the Populists, which the Populists took and ground under their feet.

Now they are out in a pamphlet of their own writing, the Democrats, and with it they pass around duplicates of the two pamphlets the Democrats issued against the Populists in previous years.

The pamphlet issued this year by the Populists is signed by leading Populists in the county, by G. W. Tracy, Robert J. H. Holliday, Mr. A. T. McKay, R. Martin, George W. Finch, W. W. Stanley, D. Rose and Frank Petrow.

Their address is as follows: To the Populist Voters of Harper County:

We desire to submit to you a statement of facts concerning the nomination of Charles Duval for governor and of Let Stinson for state senator.

The seventh congressional convention of the Populists and Democrats was held at Hutchinson September 10th, after the federal committee had secured the withdrawal of both Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duval.

Thirty-nine counties instructed their delegates to the Populist convention for the nomination of a new man. These counties had uniformly given Populist majorities. The Democrats' league also so instructed the Populist congressional committee that no county was to have less than two delegates, while Harper county had five and Sedgewick county four.

In the thirty counties the Populist delegates to the Populist convention or equipped the Democratic delegates with proxies to vote in the Populist convention. This arrangement gave the Populist delegates forty votes in the Populist convention, while Harper county was represented by five Democrats, although the entire strength of Harper county equaled all of the thirty Populist counties.

The Populist vote of Harper county has been about four or five times that of the Democrats, yet the Democrats were awarded equal representation with the Populists. This was because the Populist league knew what was necessary to nominate Duval. What was true about Harper county is also true about the other counties of the seventh district.

The results that generally give a million minorities were lost for Duval.

The conference committee arranged over the proposition for five hours. The Populists were held out as instructed for a new man were told by the Democrats that it must be Duval or a double-headed ticket.

They would rather have Duval nominated, even if defeated, than to nominate a new man and elect him. The whole question hinged upon the ability of the Populist league to be able to control the federal patronage.

Duval, being at the head of that organization, and the Populists being an association, did not want to take Duval on a back case, hence the agreement to allow thirty Populist delegates to the Populist convention, and all efforts to have Duval elected were abandoned.

The Populists, in proportion to their votes, were represented by the Democrats. Thus was the nomination of Duval forced by the Democrats, who turned about one-fourth of the Populist vote of the seventh congressional district upon the Populist delegates.

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of the Democratic convention," that ended the conference. At Hutchinson convention, while it was conceded by the best informed that Duval could not be elected, yet the Democrats again said, Duval or no fusion. Populists, read carefully the circulars issued by the Democrats in Harper county in 1897 and 1898, and recollect that since 1898 the Democratic organization of this county have done all in their power to defeat every Populist nominated for office in this county, and today they are asking your suffrage for one of the men who signed and circulated the false statement that helped to defeat your ticket.

GEO. W. FINCH, Dated, Harper, Kansas, Oct. 24, 1900.

The first circular, issued in a previous year by the Democrats and passed around by the Populists, is as follows:

Populists, read the following copy of the circular letters issued in 1897 and 1898 respectively, by the Democratic county committee of Harper county, and then decide whether the Democratic party has any higher opinion of a Populist party now than it had then, or if simply attempting to use the Populist party to get into office with and finally absorb the Populist party.

To the Democratic of Harper county:

At a meeting of the Democratic central committee held in the city of Anthony on the 20th day of October, 1897, it was ordered that a circular letter be sent to the Democratic voters of Harper county setting forth the reasons why our party should put a ticket in the field this year, and the reasons why the Democrats should give it their hearty support.

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